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AGRICULTURAL POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have been actively considering to bring about major changes in its agricultural policy and also propose more private sector involvement;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the views of the State Governments have been sought before introducing the new agricultural policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): Government had announced the National Agriculture Policy (NAP) recently i.e. in the year 2000, after having consultations with the State Governments and other stake holders. NAP is very comprehensive which inter-alia seeks to promote private sector participation to allow accelerated technology transfer, capital inflow and assured markets for crop production.